

Purchasing Update

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Training Highlights ...

The next NIGP Workshop, Preparing for the CPPB and CPPO Exams, "A Review" has been scheduled. 2 days, June 26 & 27, 2007. Please register ASAP or no later than May 21, 2007. Visit our website at www.adm.idaho.gov/purchasing and click on the link to State Buyer Training to register or send an e mail to pearl.smith@adm.idaho.gov for additional information.

I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that's as unique as a fingerprint -- and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you. --*Oprah Winfrey*



Bobbi Eckerle named new Division of Purchasing Administrator

Bobbi Eckerle was appointed by Director Keith Johnson as Administrator for the Division of Purchasing beginning April 2007. Bobbi has been acting in that capacity for the past several months. Bobbi has over 28 years of experience in management and leadership – mostly within the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing as our Business Operations Manager.

Since 1999, Bobbi has been responsible for the budgetary and administrative activities for the Division of Purchasing and directing the operations of the Postal Services, Federal Surplus Property, State Records Center and Copy Center functions. Bobbi previously held the position as Bureau Chief for the State Print Shop and the Bureau of Supply.

Bobbi helped to Design and Implement Web-based business applications for Federal Surplus Property and the Records Center. Bobbi is a past member for the State Historical Records Advisory Board. She was instrumental in creation of the State Records Center, Chair for the Multi-Agency Records Task Force, and Chair for the Workforce Development Committee.

Bobbi is an active member and current President of the Idaho Society of Certified Public Managers and is past President of the National State Printing Association and the Idaho Chapter of the In-Plant Printing Management Association.

Bobbi and husband Jon, enjoy their home (Mini Farm) in Payette County with their Dog, Cats and several Farm Critters that they spoil rotten!

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION NEWS

The one legislative change made to the Department this year was the **transfer** of our **Microwave Services operations to Military** as of July 1st. This reassignment affects about 22 Department employees, reducing our Department FTP count to about 150.

With the transfer of Microwave Services, remaining functions in the Division of Information Technology and Communication Services (statewide IT functions) will be combined with the IT Resource Management Council staff (statewide IT policy). **Kevin Iwersen, State IT Coordinator, will head-up this new Division**, which does not yet have a name describing its new scope.



PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Congratulations to Jim Rice, Purchasing Agent for Fish and Game, replacing Norma Stewart.

Welcome to Mike Carr, new Buyer for Boise State University.

I sincerely apologize if I have missed someone. Please keep me informed of promotions, moves and changes so that we can share this information with others. It is always helpful to know who the contacts are within the agencies.



The Division of Purchasing would like to thank all that attended the Vendor Fair, held on April 17, 2007. Your great support is what makes these events a success. We could not do it without your assistance.

For those that were unable to attend, we had 47 vendors to share information with. Some very informative training sessions, networking with Vendors and fellow Peers, many door prizes and a great lunch. We sincerely hope to see you next year.



Registration Table
Marilyn Rushing – Purchasing Support
Carrie Champlin - Purchasing Support



Ricoh Copier Booth
Diannalyn Slonecker – Larry Buell, DHW
Robert Perkins - DEQ



Corporate Express Booth



Pitney Bowes Booth
Bobbi Eckerle – DOP

SICOMM UPDATES

Reporting Software Issues

When you are reporting a problem or request assistance for Sicomm please call or email me first.
Bonnie.Sletten@adm.idaho.gov or 208-332-1606.

As the Sicomm System Administrator I am here to help, in order to assist in the tracking and documentation of reported software issues, please follow this process to report technical issues or request technical assistance:

If you send an email, please include the document #s you have (PREQ, REQ, RFQ, POs, etc) and the steps you took (as detailed as possible) that generated the problem. This information is very important in helping us to diagnose/troubleshoot the problem.

Most often I will be able to assist and resolve the issue. If I am unable to resolve the issue I will forward this on to Sicomm.

PURCHASING WORKSHOP

Plan to join us for the next workshop, to be held in the Boise area;

May 24, 2007

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Department of Agriculture

Downstairs Conference Room

2270 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise

Tentative Agenda

Welcome – Bobbi Eckerle, Administrator

Purchasing Updates – Mark Little, Purchasing Manager

Gem State Paper - Chris Bradley, Boise Area Manager

Cingular - Daren McKinney, Account Executive

Edge Wireless – Justin Sterrett, Area Manager

SICOMM Enhancements & Training – Bonnie Sletten, Purchasing Officer

INTERESTING NEWSY NEWS

At three minutes and four seconds after 2:00 a.m. on the 6th day of May this year, the time and date will be 02:03:04 05/06/07. This will never happen again in our lifetime!

If you have a need or would like to see a commodity provided as a Statewide Contract, we would like to hear from you.

Purchasing Update is a newsletter for the **Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing** designed to provide purchasing information to state and public agency purchasing personnel. Anyone wishing to contribute information and ideas for future articles; has questions regarding state purchasing issues; the **Division of Purchasing** mission or activities, please contact Pearl Smith at (208)-332-1612 or pearl.smith@adm.idaho.gov